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NOTICE: 2014 IOWA YOUTH SURVEY

Dear Superintendent:

The Iowa Youth Survey is the most frequently used source of data regarding Iowa's youth. To meet requests for more current data for grant writing and community needs assessments, the Iowa Youth Survey (IYS) is conducted on a 2-year cycle. Please read the entire letter for important changes in the application process.

The next IYS is scheduled to be administered in September and October 2014.

The 2014 Iowa Youth Survey will be taken through online survey software following much the same procedure as in 2012. Dates of administration are September 29-October 31, 2014, and, as always, the invitation to participate includes all public and non-public students in grades 6, 8, and 11. The survey administration timeframe is five full weeks to better accommodate computer access.

Once again, the IYS website: www.iowayouthsurvey.iowa.gov will be utilized to disseminate information about the 2014 survey, including training information, forms, and directions. This site is also where publicly-available reports from previous surveys are posted, and where 2014 reports will be posted.

In March, you will receive an e-mail with a link to an online system to collect participation documentation. This site is similar to the site used in 2012, and includes the "Agreement to Participate" and "AEA Data Release." These forms may only be signed electronically, and are due by April 25, 2014. You may save or print these forms directly from the online system. A district contact person must be designated with contact information so that all future information regarding the survey may be sent to that person. *A copy of the "Passive Parental Consent" form will also be sent for your use.*

Upon conclusion of the data collection process, all designated district contacts will receive an invitation to participate in a short survey collecting feedback on the IYS process. This is important as the feedback collected will help inform future IYS questions, report formatting, and training/technical assistance opportunities.

For questions about the 2014 Iowa Youth Survey, please contact Patrick McGovern at the Iowa Department of Public Health at pat.mcgovern@idph.iowa.gov.

Thank you for your interest and participation in the Iowa Youth Survey.

Sincerely,

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